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Election/Restrictions

Restriction is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 and 372.

This application contains the following inventions or groups of inventions which are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.499, applicant is required, in reply to this action, to elect a single invention to which the claims must be restricted.

- IA. Drawn to an apparatus (a travel control apparatus), (Claims 1-15).
- IB. Drawn to an apparatus (a travel control apparatus), (Claim 16).

The inventions listed as groups I(A-B) do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons: The groups listed above are not within the permitted combination of different categories of inventions. That is one apparatus and one process. Applicant inventions, i.e. an apparatus for a travel control and another apparatus do not fall within the permissible invention categories of PCT Rule 13.2 and 37 CFR 1.475. As set forth in the form PCT/JP2006/311365, there is no special technical feature that defines a contribution over the prior art (see JP 2004-175230 A, and JP 1-113532 A).

Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Redhwan Mawari whose telephone number is 571-270-1535. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00 - 5:00 PM EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jack Keith can be reached on 571-272-6878. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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